

MIAMI BEACH

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LETTER TO COMMISSION

To: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

From: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

Date: March 6, 2016

Subject: Dual Enrollment Status Miami Beach Senior High School 2016-17 School Year

The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to provide information on the status of our partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools and Florida International University to increase dual enrollment courses at Miami Beach Senior High School.

The interest and success of students at our high school in dual enrollment classes has resulted in a 67 percent increase in the number of courses from the 2015-16 to 2016-17 school years. The chart below provides information on the number of course and class sections available to students following the implementation of the partnership in Fall 2014:

School Year	# of Dual Enrollment Courses	# of Class Sections Available	# of Students Participating
Fall 2014	0	0	0
Spring 2015	3	4	104
Fall 2015	2	5	127
Spring 2016	4	7	264
Fall 2017	4	7	210
Spring 2017	6	10	260

Funding to support and expand the partnership in the 2016-17 school years includes an estimated City contribution of \$37,530 for instructor salaries and M-DCPS contribution of \$64,319 for textbooks.

The dual enrollment program at Miami Beach Senior High School allows eligible students to enroll in a college course and high school class simultaneously. The credits the students earn are used toward both a high school diploma and are acceptable towards a college Associate or Bachelor degree, or technical certificate. The benefits of offering dual enrollment courses to high school students include:

- Saves students and parents money, as dual enrollment students are exempt from paying application, registration, tuition, laboratory, and special fees if the class taken are being used toward high school graduation
- Enriches the course opportunities for outstanding high school students
- Shortens the time to attain a college degree
- Provides students with college credit that is transferable to a college or university

- Grades earned become part of the students' permanent transcripts

Anticipated dual enrollment course offerings include, but are not limited to, the following for the 2016-17 school years:

- Introduction to Sociology
- Survey of British Literature I & II
- American History
- College Algebra
- Social Problems
- Modern Civilization
- Introduction to Entrepreneurship
- Calculus I
- Pre-Calculus

We will continue to support our strategic outcome to achieve K-12 public school excellence through our Education Compact. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.


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